

FRANCO-SOVIET PACT DISTURBS GERMANY

Moscow Succeeds in Intimidating Berlin to Support Schemes for Russia.

WIRTH WOULD RESIST

Cabinet Objects to Reading Obligations to Russia Into Peace Treaty.

STINNES SHIFTS GROUND

Recently Opponent of Ministry Now Sees Necessity of Supporting It.

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The repeated more or less circumstantial reports that a Franco-Russian agreement had been consummated have had the effect of an exceptionally hard blow struck in German political and economic circles. Now that the governmental crisis is over, the heretofore subdued excitement and uneasiness caused by the reported agreement are coming to the surface. The rumored pact temporarily overshadows everything else in importance, even Dr. Walter Rathenau's first Parliamentary speech as Foreign Minister. If the Soviet's negotiations with the French were intended to intimidate Germany, to make her listen and become a partner to Russia's plans, Moscow certainly has succeeded.

Other news that is reaching Berlin is of a confederate nature. The Zeitungs of the Industrial party, reports that four French bankers have arrived in Moscow. According to another report, Mr. Targowski of the Polish Foreign Minister's press bureau declared in a speech that Poland must go hand in hand with France in the reestablishment of commercial relations with the Soviet.

Paris and Moscow Agree.

The acute anxiety of German industrial interests seems to be shared in official circles here, which, it is understood, seriously believes in the possibility that an agreement will be concluded between Paris and Moscow. They refer to M. Skobeleff's presence in Paris as representative of Russia, to M. Ipatieff in Brussels as in a similar capacity, and to Karl Radek's negotiations with the French emissaries to Moscow, besides the recent presence there of a so-called special courier of the French Government. According to the authorities here, the Soviet policy evidently aims both at obtaining credits from France and isolating her from her allies by separate negotiations. They recall the French principle of preparing carefully for international conferences and the policy of the Quai d'Orsay, which led France to draft the Turkish treaty.

Similar news prevail in Berlin. The diplomatic corps, where it is said that should the report concerning the Franco-Russian agreement prove true, and should its practical application be attempted, the German Government probably will refuse flatly any acknowledgment. The New York Herald's informant believes that Wilhelmstrasse interprets paragraph 116 of the Versailles treaty, "Russia's rights are reserved," merely as an indication that Russia and Germany should agree in economic questions which concern both. The German Government would protest violently against any attempt to use that paragraph as a means to prescribe to Germany any concrete obligations toward Russia. If coerced, it would consider such coercion a violation of its rights.

It is symptomatic of the effect of any Franco-Russian negotiations upon German industrial interests that it is regarded as a necessity to unite all forces and rally around the Government's standard. Hugo Stinnes' paper, the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, which only yesterday was the flag bearer in the struggle against the Cabinet, to-day feels the necessity of supporting it.

Soviet-German Trade.

Commenting upon recent negotiations here between Gregory Kravinski, Minister of Foreign Trade, Karl Radek, Soviet envoy to Berlin, and Trade Representative Stomanjakoff in Berlin, and representatives of the German Government, which centered on the question of the economic relations of Russia and Germany, Herr Stinnes' paper says:

"Both parties agreed that good prospects exist for a settlement. The German representatives were convinced that a good part of the way to success was behind them. Thanks are due to the Russian as well as to the German official representatives. It is hoped that further steps in this difficult matter may remain in their hands."

Meanwhile the Soviet follows up its moral success by playing on more fronts. The Zeitung am Mittag publishes an interview by its Prague correspondent with M. Rakowski, head of the Ukrainian Soviet republic, who declares: "The Soviet federation is ready at any time to make a 'Wiesbaden agreement' with Germany which will make Germany sweet less than her Wiesbaden agreement with France." Commenting upon this statement the paper says: "By talking about a Wiesbaden agreement between Germany and Russia, M. Rakowski confirms the secret intention of the Soviet Government to obtain German goods without compensation by means of an understanding with France. Such compulsory supply would be much less than Russia needs and could obtain in another way. Besides, if Russia betrays such secret plans of blackmail and arrives at no understanding with France, Germany ultimately will give Russia the cold shoulder. A policy entirely without character never has been successful."

The Zeitungs says: "By carrying out such an agreement France would box the ears of all her European friends. The report may be true or not. Anyhow, there are others who have a word to say on this matter. One thing is certain: France soon will be bitterly disappointed."

Vorwaerts says: "In order to meet Russia's claims a joint decision by the allied and associated powers is necessary. Do Paris and Moscow think that London and Washington will say yes in order to facilitate their work of destruction?"

The Rote Fahne declares the report about the treaty to be a "windmill." The Tagliche Rundschau says: "Germany knows that starving Russia must establish herself abroad. This is due to distress and not to desire on the part of many Russian leaders. Nevertheless, nobody will wish to divert German-Russian relations by moves that look like blackmail into a direction which the as yet only partly consolidated Germany cannot follow."

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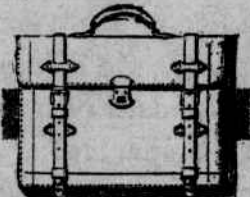
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